under constant watch and is reviewed closely on an ongoing basis. A comprehensive review was undertaken by the Home Minister on 19th July, 1994 in a meeting with the Governor of Manipur and Chief Ministers of North-Eastern States at New Delhi.

The Minister of State (Internal Security) also reviewed the security related matters in a meeting at Shillong on 28/10/94. At the official level the situation was reviewed in the 4th meeting of the North East Regional Security Coordination Conference held at Shillong on 28/10/94. After detailed discussions in these reviews a number of decisions were taken which inter-alia include strengthening of State Police Force, more effective coordination of counter-insurgency operations, improvement and upgradation of intelligence collection and sharing etc. Steps taken by the Government include continuation of declaration of certain States/areas as "disturbed areas", declaring the insurgent groups as "unlawful associations", induction of Security Forces etc.

Central assistance in combating terrorism

474. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance sought by each State Government during the current year for combating terrorism; and

(b) the assistance provided by the Union Government to far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. M. SAYEED): (a) and (b) Proposals for central financial assistance to combat terrorism during the current year 1994-95 have been received only from the Governments of Himachal Pradesh and Bihar, for Rs. 2.67 crores and Rs. 12.86 crores respectively. No assistance has been released, since full information has not been received from Bihar and full information from Himachal Pradesh has been made available very recently.

Charges against Bombay Bomb blast accused

475. SHRI K. R. MALKANI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what were the initial charges against the Bombay serial bomb blast accused;

(b) what are the charges against them now; and

(c) whether there has been whittling down of charges as reported in the Indian Express of 1st July, 1994 and The Pioneer of 8th January, 1995?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) On conclusion of investigation a Chargesheet was filed against the accused for the offences punishable U/s 120-B and 120 (B) r/w Secs. 324, 326, 427, 435; 121; 121-A; 122; 307; 302; 201 of the Indian Penal Code r/w Secs. 3, 4, 5 of the Terrorist & Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act, 1987 r/w Sec. 3, 7 (a) 25 (1AA) 26, 29, 35 Arms Act r/w Secs. 3; 4; 5 and 6 of the Explosive Substances Act r/w Secs. 4 of the Prevention of Damage to Public Properties Act.

(b) The Court has yet to frame charges against the accused persons.

(c) In view of (b) above the question does not arise.

दिल्ली में अपराध

476. **श्री इकबाल सिंह :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) गत दो वर्ष के दौरान दिल्ली में अपहरण, हत्या, डकैती, लटपाट, चोरी और बलात्कार की कितनी घटनायें हुई ;